

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested. The amendment brings the application in condition for allowance and is, therefore, appropriate under Rule 116.

With the present amendment, claims 1 and 9 are canceled. Claim 2 is rewritten in dependent form. Claims 10-17 are added.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks the application is deemed in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 2-8 and 10-17 are in condition for allowance. Claims 2 and 10 correspond in scope to claims 2 and 9 which were indicated as being allowable, together with claims 3-8, upon being rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claims 2 and 10, which is claim 9 so rewritten, and claims 3-8, dependent on claim 2, are in condition for allowance.

It is further respectfully submitted that claims 11-17, dependent on claim 10, are also allowable as being dependent on an allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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